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NOTE FOR: VC/NIC  
FROM: NIO for Warning  
SUBJECT: DCID on Warning

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Attached is a copy of the DCID on Warning; I am the only NIO that operates under the aegis of such a Directive. As you will note, I am the focal point for warning within the Intelligence Community and advise the Director and Deputy Director on all matters pertaining to warning, including recommending the issuance of warning to the President and the National Security Council.

Given my charter, I am especially sensitive to briefings or assessments that may vary with the accepted national-level view. For that reason, I thought I should attend the briefings that will be given to the House Armed Services Committee later this week on Soviet mobilization and warning times. There is great room for mischief by Congressional staff concerning US forces, structure, and readiness if we are not careful in how individual agencies present their views on warning to the Congress. That being the case, I regret that I will not be attending the session on 8 September.

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Attachment:  
As stated